THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) As on date, applications of 153 TV channels for permission to uplink from India and applications of 27 TV channels, uplinked from abroad, for permission to downlink in India are at various stages of scrutiny in accordance with the existing uplinking and downlinking guidelines. The permissions are granted on an All India basis and not State-wise.

(b) No definite time frame can be indicated as the process includes inter-Ministerial consultation with other concerned Ministries.

(c) No, Sir. The process includes inter-Ministerial consultation with other concerned Ministries.

(d) Once the applicant companies provide all the required information and documents and clearances from other Ministries concerned are received, the applications are considered for permission in the minimum time frame.

Organization of Overseas Indians

†496. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries where organizations of Overseas Indians have been set up;

(b) the names of countries from where reaction against Mumbai attacks has been received either directly or through embassy;

(c) whether any plan directing against Mumbai attacks and favouring India (direct action) is being formulated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Concerned Indian Diplomatic Missions have reported existence of organization of Overseas Indians in the countries given in the list placed as Statement—I (*See* below).

(b) As given in the list placed as Statement—II (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Statement—III gives the requisite details.

Statement—I

Where organization of Overseas Indians has been set up

List of 39 Countries

1.	Austria	21.	Oman
2.	Botswana	22.	Papua New Guinea

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3. Cambodia
4. Canada
5. Chile
6. Czech Republic
7. Egypt
8. Ethiopia
9. Finland
10. Germany
11. Ghana
12. Guyana
13. Jordan
14. Kazakhstan
15. Malaysia
16. Mauritius
17. Morocco
18. Myanmar
19. Netherlands
20. Nigeria
23. Peru
24. Philippines
25. Russia
26. Singapore
27. Slovakia
28. Sri Lanka
29. Sudan
30. Suriname
31. Switzerland
32. Tanzania
33. Thailand
34. Trinidad and Tobago
35. Turkey
36. United Arab Emirates
37. Uganda
38. United Kingdom
39. United State of America

Statement—II

List of 149 Countries from where reaction against Mumbai Attacks have been received

1. Azerbaijan
2. Armenia
3. Belarus
4. Georgia
5. Kazakhstan
6. Kyrgyz Republic
7. Russian Federation
8. Tajikistan
9. Turkmenistan
10. Ukraine
11. Uzbekistan
12. Albania
13. Austria
14. Bosnia and Herzegovina
15. Bulgaria
16. Croatia
17. Cyprus
18. Czech Republic

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19. Denmark
20. Estonia
21. Finland
22. Greece
23. Holy See
24. Hungary
25. Iceland
26. Latvia
27. Liechtenstein
28. Lithuania
29. Macedonia
30. Moldova
31. Norway
32. Poland
33. Romania
34. Serbia
35. Slovak Republic
36. Slovenia
37. Sweden
38. Switzerland
39. Turkey
40. Peoples Republic of China
41. Japan
42. Republic of Korea
43. Mongolia
44. Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea
45. Argentina
46. Aruba
47. Bahamas
48. Bolivia
49. Brazil
50. Chile
51. Colombia
52. Cuba
53. Dominican Republic
54. Ecuador
55. El Salvador
56. Guatamala
57. Guyana
58. Jamaica
59. Mexico
60. Nicaragua
61. Paraguay
62. Peru
63. St. Kitts and Nevis
64. Suriname
65. Trinidad and Tobago
66. Uruguay
67. Venezuela
68. Mauritius
69. Madagascar
70. Seychelles
71. Comoros
72. Ethipia
73. Kenya
74. Tanzania
75. Uganda
76. Rwanda
77. Burundi
78. Eritrea
79. Botswana
80. Lesotho

81. Mozambique
82. Malawi
83. Namibia
84. Swaziland
85. South Africa
86. Zambia
87. Zimbabwe
88. Algeria
89. Egypt
90. Israel
91. Jordan
92. Lebanon
93. Libya
94. Morocco
95. Syria
96. Tunisia
97. Nepal
98. Bhutan
99. Bangladesh
100. Sri Lanka
101. Maldives
102. Myanmar
103. Republic of Ivory Coast
104. Republic of Senegal
105. Republic of Cape Verde
106. Republic of Togo
107. Burkina Faso
108. Republic of Liberia
109. Republic of Sierra Leone
110. Rebublic of Nigeria
111. Republic of Ghana
112. Republic of Gabon
113. Democratic Republic of Sao tome and Principe
114. Democratic Republic of Congo
115. Mali
116. USA
117. Canada
118. Belgium
119. France
120. Germany
121. Ireland
122. Italy
123. Luxembourg
124. Netherlands
125. Portugal
126. Spain
127. United Kingdom
128. Yemen
129. Iraq
130. Qatar
131. Kuwait
132. Bahrain
133. Oman
134. Saudi Arabia
135. UAE
136. Australia
137. New Zealand
138. Philippins
139. Vietnam
140. Singapore

141. Malaysia
142. Indonesia
143. Fiji
144. Brunei Darussalam
145. Cambodia
146. Lao PDR
147. Pakistan
148. Iran
149. Afghanistan

Similar messages have also been received from the following:

1. Palestine
2. The League of Arab States
3. European Union

Statement—III

Plan directing against Mumbai attacks

The Government remains fully committed to combat the menace of terrorism. The Policy of the Government is to counter the challenge posed by these menace by way of a multi-pronged strategy. In pursuance of this strategy, the Government has taken various measures on political, security and development fronts. On the security front, the counter terrorism measures include effective border management to check infiltration across the borders, deployment of central forces to aid the State Police Forces in areas prone to terrorist violence, heightened vigil and security arrangements in vulnerable areas and sharing capabilities, particularly at the cutting edge level, augmentation and modernization of police forces and raising of India Reserve Battalions, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment with the Central and State Police Forces and Steps taken to achieve bilateral and multilateral cooperation to deal with the global imperatives of terrorism. On the development activities in the areas affected by terrorism/extremism.

Apart from the above, the recent measures taken by the Government, inter-alia, include setting up Regional Centres of NSG, setting up of 20 Counter Insurgency and Anti-Terrorism Schools in different parts of the country; constitution of National Investigation Agency; enactment of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2008 to reinforce the punitive provisions to combat terrorism; enactment of National Investigation Agency Act, 2008, notification of CISF (Amendment) Ordinance, 2009 to enable the CISF to provide security to establishments/undertakings in the joint and private sectors; further streamlining of sharing of intelligence amongst various agencies and also with the State Governments, as well as strengthening of Coastal Security.

Problems of NRIs

497. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NRIs are facing many problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and